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Spring Cleaning Tips To Keep Your Home Pest-Free

Winter is behind us and springtime is finally here. Our lawns and plants are now turning green again and all sorts of insects and rodents are coming back to life. That means it is only a matter of time before they start invading our homes and businesses.

With the winter storms behind us, it is time to start doing some spring cleaning around our homes and businesses. Here are some things you can do while you're cleaning up to **help keep your home pest-free**:

1. **Control excess moisture.** Insects and rodents love water and this should always be your **first step** when trying to prevent pest problems. Check for plumbing leaks, roof leaks, leaky rain gutters, etc. Check your lawn sprinkler system and make adjustments if needed. Insects and rodents need a lot of water and if you keep your home as dry as possible, these pests will find your home a lot less attractive.
2. **Eliminate food sources.** This is a completely natural way to control pests, because if they don't have anything to eat they will either die off, or be forced to move to another location so they can survive. You can solve a lot of insect and rodent problems by not leaving dirty dishes in the sink, emptying your trash cans daily, and keeping your food in sealed containers. Check around your kitchen appliances and cabinets, and you may find food debris in these areas. By

cleaning up that stuff, you'll make your kitchen a lot less attractive for pests. Also, if you have pets, don't leave their food and water bowls out at night, because you'll frequently find ants, roaches and rodents eating and drinking out of them..

3. **Clean up leaf piles and debris** from around your homes and businesses. Insects and rodents cannot survive without a place to live, and by cleaning up this stuff, a lot of pests will disappear naturally.
4. **Keep all plants and trees cut back** away from your home. You should cut all trees back at least 4 feet away from your home, and make sure that none of the tree branches are left hanging over your roof. You'll find this to be a very effective control measure, because it discourages insects and rodents from entering your home or business.
5. **Remove fruit bearing plants that attract insects and rodents.** You may also want to remove other plants that harbor honey-dew producing insects (Fig trees, cherry laurel, bamboo, oleander, etc.).
6. **Keep firewood off the ground and store it away from your home.** Also, be sure to check for pests before bringing any firewood inside your home.
7. **Seal up cracks and holes on exterior walls.** This helps to keep pests out and eliminates places for them to hide. Installing weather stripping around your doors

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60 Years Ago . . .

On March 14, 1958, the Recording Industry Association of America awarded its first ever gold record to Perry Como in recognition of \$1 million worth of sales of his hit single "Catch A Falling Star".

Celebrating Desi Arnaz

"One of my biggest problems with comedy was that I did not understand some of the jokes."

Desi Arnaz, born March 2, 1917

Rave Review!

Press Release From Angie's List

Termite Terry Pest Control, Inc., of Costa Mesa, California, is proud to announce that it has earned the home service industry's coveted Angie's List Super Service Award (SSA). This award honors service professionals who have maintained exceptional service ratings and reviews on Angie's List in 2017.

"The service providers that receive our Angie's List Super Service Award demonstrate the level of excellence that members have come to expect," said Angie's List Founder Angie Hicks. "These pros are top-notch and absolutely deserve recognition for the trustworthy and exemplary customer service they exhibited in the past year and overall."

Angie's List Super Service Award 2017 winners have met strict eligibility requirements, which include maintaining an "A" rating in overall grade, recent grade and review period grade. The SSA winners must be in good standing with Angie's List, pass a background check, record a current trade license attestation and abide by Angie's List operational guidelines.

Termite Terry Pest Control, Inc. has been listed on Angie's List since 2007. This is the eighth consecutive year that Termite Terry Pest Control, Inc. has received this honor.

"It is quite an honor to have received the Super Service Award eight years in a row," said Terry Singleton, the company's president. "I want to thank our office staff, pest control technicians, termite inspectors, and termite repair crews for taking great care of our clients and making this possible."

Service company ratings are updated continually on Angie's List as new, verified consumer reviews are submitted. Companies are graded on an A through F scale in multiple fields ranging from price to professionalism to punctuality.

- and windows is also a great idea.
8. **Inspect the screens on your doors and windows.** By keeping these screens in good working order, you'll be able to keep a lot of pests out of your home. While you're at it, don't forget to check the screens in your attic, garage, and subarea vents. These screens are especially important because they keep out birds, rodents, and small animals.
 9. **Guard against pest invaders** by checking incoming items for "hitchhiking" bugs. It is very common to see many types of pests brought in with luggage, laundry and groceries. You should also carefully inspect any flowers or plants before you bring them into your home, because you'll often find insects living in them.
 10. **Ensure good ventilation** in attics, garages and subareas. An effective ventilation system will help keep these areas dry, will naturally reduce the amounts of insects, and will help to prevent mold and mildew problems.
 11. **Keep food and garbage in tightly sealed containers.** This is especially important to do at night because that is when many pests are most active.

If you'll take these tips and put them to use, you'll find that you can prevent a lot of pest problems without using any pesticides. Sometimes, you may find that the application of a pesticide is still needed. If this is the case, you should always select the **least toxic** product, use the **least amount possible**, and **follow all** of the manufacturer's instructions.

Do you have a pest problem that you need help with? **Call us at (949) 631-7348**, and we'll be happy to schedule an appointment at your convenience.



Orange County Parks Adopt New Firewood Policy

Orange County Parks has adopted a new firewood policy that is designed to help protect Orange County's oak, sycamore, and other trees from invasive pests.

The new policy is now in effect, and visitors to Caspers Wilderness Park and O'Neil Regional Park may no longer bring or burn outside firewood. Only wood that has been commercially produced, heat treated and labeled "Pest Free" or "Safe to Move", will be allowed. This is due to highly invasive and destructive non-native insects that could travel in firewood and destroy local tree populations.

The Goldspotted Oak Borer and Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer are invasive pests that have helped to kill millions of trees in California. It is important to note that both of these pests have been found in Orange County. Both of these pests can hide in firewood and be easily be moved from place to place.

To slow the spread of tree pests, many of California's campgrounds are taking steps by limiting the movement of firewood.

Wood from shipping pallets, scrap lumber, tree trimming services, etc., is now strictly prohibited. You will also not be allowed to gather dead wood or other plant material within these parks.

For your convenience, treated firewood bundles will be available for purchase at the park office of these camping parks.

Buy Local, Burn Local

When non-native insects and diseases are brought into our area, they can be much more damaging to our trees than the native ones. The reason for this is because our native trees have evolved to survive with local insects and diseases. We also have our native

predators that eat native insects, and that keeps their numbers in check.

Non-native insects and diseases have few (if any) predators, and our native trees have few natural defenses against them. Another factor to consider is that invasive insects and diseases reproduce quickly, and they are able to outcompete our native species.

The U.S. Forest Service announced that over 129 million trees have died in California due to our drought and bark beetles. Worse yet, the number of dead trees is continuing to rise.

You can do your part to protect our campsites and forests that we all love by following these two simple rules:

1. If you need firewood, **buy it where you burn it.**
2. If you are going to one of our campgrounds, **use only treated firewood.**

Termite Terry Wins The Angie's List Super Service Award 8 Years In A Row!

Termite Terry just received a congratulatory letter from Angie Hicks, the founder of Angie's List, announcing that Termite Terry Pest Control has won the Super Service award for 2017.

This is the eighth consecutive year that Termite Terry Pest Control has received this prestigious award. It is a major accomplishment because there are very few pest control companies that have won the award eight times, much less eight years in a row.

"One of the things I really like about Angie's List, is the high level of trust you can put in their reviews," said Termite Terry. "That is because only the members of Angie's List are able to go onto the site and post reviews. Unlike a lot of the other

sites, no one can just go onto their site with a fake name and just start making up stories. When you go on Angie's List, you can rest assured that the reviews are from real people, just like you."

President's Economic Stimulus

If you've watched the news lately, it is obvious that our politicians in Washington D.C. are not willing to work together to help us. Fortunately, President Termite Terry is quietly working behind the scene so he can get our economy moving again.

Here are just a few more of your fellow citizens who have benefited from his Economic Stimulus Plan:

- Steven & Eileen Dow of Fountain Valley referred us to Anthony & Rehanna Eaton of Newport Coast.
- Patti Ball of Mission Viejo recommended our service to Laura Hassell of Huntington Beach.
- Patti Ball **gets another FREE gas card** this month for referring our service to Holly Moss of Trabuco Canyon.
- Bob Ulrich of Costa Mesa referred us to his neighbor, Jim Toledano of Costa Mesa.

The President's plan is easy and with your help, we can **double the number of people who get FREE GAS each month.** All you have to do is simply refer us to someone who needs a termite treatment, wood repairs, or a monthly pest control service. And, if they hire us, we'll send you a **\$50.00 Gas Card.** That is real economic stimulation you can bank on!

Fun Facts About St. Patrick's Day!

St. Patrick's Day is on March 17th and it's time to party! Here are some fun facts about this holiday to share with your friends:

- St. Patrick's birth name was Maewyn Succat. He later changed his name to Patricius after he became a priest.
- The first ever St. Patrick's Day Parade was held in Boston on March 18, 1737. Ireland never got around to hosting a parade until 1931.
- St. Patrick's color is not green. Artwork often depicted him wearing blue garments and blue was the color that represented Ireland on flags, coats of arms and sport jerseys. Some say that he preached about the Holy Trinity through the symbol of the shamrock and that is how the color green became associated with St. Patrick.
- The tradition of dyeing the Chicago River green for St. Patrick's Day started in 1962. It takes only 25 pounds of their "secret" powder to turn the river green for a day!
- St. Patrick was not Irish. He was born to Roman parents in Scotland or Wales.
- 5.5 million pints of Guinness are sold on any given day. Sales rise to 13 million on St. Patrick's Day.
- Corned beef and cabbage is a tradition on St. Patrick's Day. But, did you know that there's no corn in that beef? The term "corn" comes from the large grains of salt that were historically used to cure meats.
- St. Patrick's Day used to be a dry holiday. It was considered a strictly religious holiday and from 1903 to 1970, Ireland's pubs were closed on March 17th.
- An estimated 34 million Americans have Irish ancestry but only about 4.2 million people live in Ireland.
- Your odds of finding a four-leaf clover are about 1 in 10,000.

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Man Had A 5½ Foot Tapeworm In His Body!

A man recently pulled a 5½ foot tapeworm out of his body, and experts believe that his daily sushi habit may have been the cause.

The man said that he first discovered he had a problem while he was sitting on a toilet. As he was sitting there, he felt something strange coming out of his body. He first thought that his intestines were coming out.

He then reached down and grabbed what he thought were entrails. After he pulled some of it out, he looked and saw that this thing was moving. He then looked closer and saw that it was a worm!

The man pulled the tapeworm completely out of his body, and wrapped it around a toilet roll. This was a horrifying experience, so he decided that he needed some medical attention.

After checking in at the hospital, he complained to the doctor about having bloody diarrhea, and said that he wanted to be treated for worms. The doctor was skeptical until the man opened up a plastic grocery bag, and showed him what was inside. The doctor couldn't believe his eyes when the man pulled a 5½ foot tapeworm out of the bag!

The doctor wanted to know what would have caused such a massive tapeworm. After a series of questions, the man admitted that he ate salmon sushi, every day. The doctor said that his raw salmon intake was almost certainly the reason for the tapeworm. The man was treated with medication, and is now in recovery.

The Centers for Disease Control has issued a warning telling us that wild salmon, caught off the coast of Alaska, may contain tapeworm. They recommend that you avoid eating uncooked fish. To kill parasites in seafood, it should be cooked to an internal temperature of at least 145 degrees F. Or, you may freeze it at -20 degrees Celsius for 72 hours.

Oh well, maybe I should skip the sushi tonight. Ready to join me for a nice juicy steak?



“Termite” Terry Singleton